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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF  
LEONHARD FEILER ET AL  
APPLICATION NO: 09/518,464  
FILED: MARCH 3, 2000  
FOR: BENZOFURAN-2-ONE

Group Art Unit: 1714  
Examiner: K. SANDERS

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted for entry and consideration. The Action set a three month shortened statutory period for reply. A petition for a three month extension of time is attached herewith, extending the period for response to April 16, 2003. This reply is timely filed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.